

No. 1981-15

AN ACT

HB 124

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225, No.316), entitled "An act concerning game and other wild birds and wild animals; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," removing provisions relating to advertisement of actions of commission.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 505, act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225, No.316), known as "The Game Law," amended March 22, 1974 (P.L.201, No.41), is amended to read:

Section 505. *Notification of Action of Commission.*—[**to Be Advertised.**—**To fix seasons, shooting hours, and daily, season and possession limits, or to remove protection and declare an open season, or to increase, reduce or close seasons or to increase or reduce bag limits, for any species of game birds, game animals, fur-bearing animals and all other wild birds and wild animals, or to permit the taking of raccoons with traps or deadfalls, or to limit the number of hunters in any designated area and prescribe the methods of hunting therein; or to remove any animal from, or add any animal to, the list of fur-bearing animals; or to add any bird to or remove any bird from the list of unprotected birds, or to add any game bird or game animal to or remove any game bird or game animal from the list of game birds or game animals; or to add any nongame bird to or remove any nongame bird from the list of nongame birds, throughout the Commonwealth, or in any part thereof, a notice to that effect shall be published by the commission in not less than two newspapers of general circulation in each county affected, one time each week for at least two consecutive weeks, setting forth, either in full or in summarized form, the action of the commission and the rules and regulations adopted relative thereto. This requirement shall not apply to any changes in such regulations made by the commission because of weather factors or unpredictable game management needs after the initial regulations for the year are promulgated, and before the regulations for the next year are prepared. News items outlining these changes in full or in summarized form, shall be made available to news media throughout the State.**] The commission shall [also publish and] make available to each hunter a summary of the seasons and bag limits, and designate any counties that may be closed, and name the species of game birds and game animals or fur-bearing animals for which there is no open season, and shall prepare and distribute such additional [posters or] notices as in its judgment may be necessary.

It is unlawful for any person to violate any of the rules and regulations adopted by the commission [, and published as herein required,] for the

preservation of game birds, game animals, fur-bearing animals, nongame birds and all other wild birds and wild animals; or to take, or be possessed of, such birds or animals at a time, or in any number or manner, or of any kind or sex, contrary to such rules and regulations.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 6th day of May, A. D. 1981.

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